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VIP TRAVEL

11. (SBU) Representative Maxine Waters (D-CA) was in Haiti January 25 and met with the DCM and USAID. (TF1/ Interagency Conference Call)

SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR)

12. (U) Teams from Fairfax County, VA, and Los Angeles County, CA, will continue to conduct operations through at least January 27. As of January 25, these teams rescued 47 people, while U.S. and other international teams combined rescued 134 people. (USAID SitRep)

COMMODITY FLOW

13. (SBU) United Airlines donated 20 relief flights scheduled between January 28 through February 20 to transport supplies and aid workers to Haiti. The flights will return with evacuees and relief workers. (TF1/United Airlines e-mail)

14. (U) On January 26, USAID's Office of Food for Peace will host a planning meeting at the U.S. Embassy for all relief agencies developing and executing emergency food aid programs. (USAID SitRep)

15. (SBU) As of January 25, the World Food Program distributed more than 2.6 million daily rations to more than 393,000

beneficiaries. Security and logistical constraints have hindered distribution. (TF1/USAID e-mail)

¶6. (U) As of January 26, the UN Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Cluster is collectively organizing water distribution at 114 sites for 275,000 people. (USAID SitRep)

¶7. (U) As of January 25, USAID had contributed nearly \$191 million in earthquake response funding. In total, the USG contributed nearly \$317 million. (USAID SitRep)

EVACUATIONS/AMERICAN CITIZEN AND LE STAFF WHEREABOUTS

¶8. (SBU) As of 0430 EST, 41 American evacuees and family members departed Port-au-Prince since 0000 EST; a total of 11,793 have been evacuated to date. There are five Americans or family members inside the embassy and 2000 outside. A total of approximately 18,200 Americans have been accounted for. (TF1/Embassy Port-au-Prince e-mail)

¶9. (SBU) There are now 58 confirmed and 36 reported American fatalities. (TF1/Embassy Port-au-Prince e-mail)

¶10. (U) As of 0500 EST, there were two Americans at the airport alternate landing zone and a total of two evacuation flights departed since 0000 EST. (TF1/Embassy Port-au-Prince e-mail)

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MEDICAL RESPONSE

¶11. (SBU) As of 1600 EST January 25, USNS Comfort, USS Vinson and USS Bataan treated 502 patients in the last 24 hours, bringing the total to 2178 treated with 129 surgeries. The Comfort is nearly at capacity. (Joint Staff Operation Unified Response Situation Update)

¶12. (U) Major news networks have been airing footage of Haitians cremating bodies in the streets and plazas as a desperate public health measure. Media report that thousands of bodies have been burned. (cnn.com)

INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION/REQUESTS

¶13. (U) Saudi Arabia announced the Kingdom's donation of \$50 million in relief assistance. (Saudi Embassy Press Release)

¶14. (U) As of January 25, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance reports over \$783.4 million in international funding and \$1.126 billion in uncommitted pledges. (OCHA Financial Tracking Service)

DEPLOYMENT OF U.S. GOVERNMENT ASSETS

¶15. (SBU) As of January 26, there are 18,775 U.S. military uniform and civilian personnel in Haiti or offshore, with roughly 25 percent on the ground and 75 percent afloat. This total is projected to increase to 19,104 by January 28. (Joint Staff Operation Unified Response Situation Update)

HUMANITARIAN/SECURITY/INFRASTRUCTURE

¶16. (U) Approximately 690,000 IDPs are currently in 591 shelter villages. (Joint Staff Operation Unified Response Situation Update)

¶17. (U) UNICEF and Save The Children will start registration of unaccompanied children. Selection criteria include children with no family members, those under five years of age, unaccompanied girls, disabled children, and young

children in domestic servitude separated from their parents. Eleven child-friendly spaces benefitting 3500 children are currently operational in Port-au-Prince and Jacmel. (USAID SitRep)

¶18. (U) The main supply road from the Dominican Republic to Port-au-Prince is deteriorating. The Department has requested that DOD and USAID review short- and long-term measures to ensure the supply route stays open. (Interagency Conference Call)

¶19. (U) USN divers began repair of South Pier and estimate completion at 10 weeks. (Joint Staff Operation Unified Response Situation Update)

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

¶20. (SBU) Countering critical comments by French Junior Cooperation Minister Joyandet January 16, the Embassy reports

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French media and senior government officials have generally asserted support for "indispensable" U.S. assistance. (Paris 76)

¶21. (U) The Foreign Ministers of the Bolivarian Alternative for the Americas (ALBA) met on January 24 to discuss ALBA's response to the Haiti crisis. This meeting follows anti-U.S. rhetoric by Venezuela, Bolivia, and Nicaragua. (Transcom Haiti Disaster Relief Update)

¶22. (U) Additional updates are available through our Intellipedia portal on the unclassified system at: http://www.intelink.gov/wiki/Portal:Crisis_Haiti_Earthquake.

¶23. (U) Minimize considered.
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